

Senate Committee Inquiry into the Health Insurance Amendment (Medicare Funding for Certain Types of Abortion) Bill

Dear Senators

We write to request and urge you to support the Health Insurance Amendment (Medicare Funding for Certain Types of Abortion) Bill that would remove Medicare funding for sex-selection abortions.

We are gravely concerned by reports that sex selection abortions currently take place in Australia for those couples who have a cultural preference for boys or for “family balancing” by parents who want a child of a particular sex.

To abort an unborn child solely on the basis of gender is not a medical procedure, it is unlawful discrimination on the ground of particular sex. It is to extinguish the life of that unborn child solely as result of decisions based purely on cultural or personal preference.

It should therefore not be afforded Medicare benefits.

Medicare funding should be strictly limited to health procedures. The taxpayers of Australia should not be funding strictly cultural - personal preference - non medical procedures. Our law should protect the unborn given their vulnerable state, in accordance with the UN Convention on the Rights of the Child

Australia can and must begin to do better for mothers, fathers and their unborn children. They are all our most precious future resource.

Yours sincerely

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